GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4174
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
DECLINE IN GROUND WATER IN DELHI
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the water table has gone down sharply in Delhi during the past few years;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for extraction of ground water in Delhi with the cooperation of WAPCOS or any other agency;

(c) whether any funds have been allocated to Delhi Government during the last three years and till date to raise the water table; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the Delhi Government has been successful in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Long term observations made by the Central Ground WaterBoard have shown that ground water levels have declined by 4 to 10 metres in Mehrauli Block, 4 to 8metres in City Block, 4 to 7 metres in Najafgarh Block and 4 to5 metres in Kanjhawala and Alipur Blocks of NCT of Delhi during the last ten years.

(b) There is no proposal for extraction of ground water in Delhi with the cooperation of WAPCOS.The Central Ground Water Board drills exploratory wells under its ground water exploration programme. The successful exploratory wells are handed over to the Delhi Jal Board for their utilisation for drinking water supply.

(c) & (d) Water being a State subject, action to augment water supplies and replenishing of ground water is to be taken by the concerned State Government. However, the Central Ground Water Board is executing 15 proposals of rain water harvesting and artificial recharge of ground water in NCT of Delhi under its pilot Central Sector Scheme on "Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water". The details of proposals approved for NCT of Delhi are givenin the Statement. The impact of so far conducted studies have shown very encouraging results.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (A)AND (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4174 TO E ANSWERED ON 20.08.2001.

PROPOSALS UNDER EXECUTION IN NCT OF DELHI

Sl No.	Name of the proposal	Amount allocated (in Rs. Lakh)	Status
1.	Scheme for rain water harvesting and artificial recharge at JNU, IIT and Sanjay Van Areas of NCT of Delhi	46.05	Completed
2.	Artificial recharge scheme for President's Estate, New Delhi	12.73	Completed
3.	Artificial recharge to ground water in Kushak Nala, New Delhi.	3.32	Completed
4.	Artificial recharge to ground water in Lodhi Garden, New Delhi.	5.37	Completed

5. Scheme for roof top rain water harvesting in Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi	4.10	Completed
6. Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water at Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.	5.38	Under progress
7 Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water at Vayusenabad, Air Force Station, Tughlakabad, New Delhi.	5.41	Under progress
8. Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water at Tuglak Lane and surrounding areas, New Delhi.	9.36	Under progress
9. Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water at Meera Bai Polytechnic Campus, Mahrani Bagh, New Delhi.	1.76	Under progress
10. Artificial recharge scheme to ground water at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi	8.23	Under progress
11. Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water at 5, Janpath Road, New Delhi	0.60	Under progress
12. Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water at Group Housing for Abhiyan CGHS Ltd., Plot-15, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi	0.85	Under progress
13. Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, new Delhi	4.55	Yet to be taken up
14. artificial recharge scheme in park of D-block, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi	5.60	Under progress
15. Scheme for artificial recharge to ground water in Government Servant's Cooperative House Building Society, Block-A to D, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.	10.00	Yet to be taken up.
Total	123.31	